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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:

Hiroyuki IRIE et al.

Serial No: 09/893,903

Group Art Unit: 2142

Confirmation No. 4931

Filed: June 29, 2001

Examiner: Mehmet B. GECKIL

For: COMMUNICATION SYSTEM, INFORMATION AGENT METHOD AND RECORDING  
MEDIUM

**COMMUNICATION TO THE EXAMINER**

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Information Disclosure Statements were filed herein on June 29, 2001 and March 3, 2005. A copy of each of these Information Disclosure Statements is attached hereto.

The Information Disclosure Statement filed June 29, 2001 was not acknowledged in the first Office Action mailed October 20, 2004 nor thereafter. Consideration of the June 29, 2001 Information Disclosure Statement and the citations provided therewith are respectfully requested; it is further requested that the Examiner confirm same, by signing the attached Form PTO-1449 and initialing same adjacent each reference.

On the other hand, whereas the Notice of Allowability acknowledges the Information Disclosure Statement filed March 3, 2005, the Examiner did not consider reference AG and, instead, in the copy of the signed Form PTO-1449 which was provided with the Notice of Allowability, drew a line through Reference AG and wrote in the margin "no English explanation of relevancy 'MG'".

Applicants respectfully submit that the Examiner errs in the foregoing contention as to the March 3, 2005 Information Disclosure Statement. The Examiner's attention is addressed to the statement of relevancy of Attachment 1(e) of that March 3, 2005 Information Disclosure

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Statement, which pointed out that Reference AG, Toshiaki Atsumoto "Home page" of May 1999, provides a summary of a skin diagnosis service provided by Kanebo Ltd." Applicants respectfully submit that the Statement of Relevancy of Attachment 1(e) is in compliance with the rules (37CFR 1.98) and entitled Reference AG to consideration by the Examiner. The Examiner's failure to grant Reference AG such consideration is without basis under the rules.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner return a copy of the Form PTO-1449 accompanying the Information Disclosure Statement filed March 3, 2005, signed and initialed to indicate that the reference AG listed therein has been considered by the Examiner.

Respectfully submitted,

STAAS & HALSEY LLP

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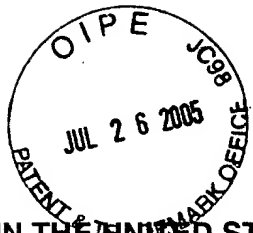
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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure provisions of 37 CFR § 1.56, there is hereby provided certain information which the Examiner may consider material to the examination of the subject U.S. patent application. It is requested that the Examiner make this information of record if it is deemed material to the examination of the subject application.

1. Enclosures accompanying this Information Disclosure Statement are:

- 1a. ☒ Form PTO-1449.
- 1b. ☒ Copy(ies) of IDS citation(s), except for U.S. Patents and U.S. Patent Application publications.
- 1c. ☐ English language copy of a communication(s) from a foreign Patent Office or a PCT International Search Report.
- 1d. ☒ English language translation (Abstract or relevant portion(s)) attached to non-English language publications as indicated on the attached Form PTO-1449.
- 1e. ☒ Explanations of Relevancy of References (ATTACHMENT 1(e), hereto) for providing a concise explanation of non-English publications.
- 1f. ☐ List of Copending Applications (ATTACHMENT 1(f), hereto).
- 1g. ☐ List of Additional Submitted Documents (ATTACHMENT 1(g), hereto).

2. ☐ This Information Disclosure Statement is filed under 37 CFR § 1.97(b):

*(Check either Item 2a or 2b or 2c or 2d)*

- 2a. ☐ Within three months of the filing date of a national application;
- 2b. ☐ Within three months of the date of entry of the national stage as set forth in § 1.491 in an international application.
- 2c. ☐ Before the mailing of a first Office Action on the merits; or
- 2d. ☐ Before the mailing of a first Office Action after the filing of a Request for Continued Examination under § 1.114.

3. ☒ This Information Disclosure Statement is filed under 37 CFR § 1.97(c) after the period specified in paragraph 2 above but before the mailing date of any of a Final Office Action under § 1.113, a Notice of Allowance under § 1.311 or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application, AND

*(Check either Item 3a or 3b; Item 3b to be checked if any reference known for more than 3 months)*

- 3a. ☐ The § 1.97(e) Statement in Item 5 below is applicable; OR  
3b. ☒ The \$180.00 fee set forth in 37 CFR § 1.17(p) is:  
☒ enclosed.  
☐ to be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

4. ☐ This Information Disclosure Statement is filed under 37 CFR § 1.97(d) after the period specified in paragraph 3 above, but on or before payment of the Issue Fee, AND

- 4a. ☐ The § 1.97(e) Statement in Item 5 below is applicable; AND  
4b. ☐ The \$180.00 fee set forth in 37 CFR § 1.17(p) is:  
☐ enclosed.  
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5. ☐ Statement under § 1.97(e) *(applicable if Item 3a or Item 4a is checked)*

*(Check either Item 5a or 5b)*

- 5a. ☐ In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.97(e)(1), it is stated that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.  
5b. ☐ In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.97(e)(2), it is stated that no item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application and, to the knowledge of the person signing the certification after making reasonable inquiry, no item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was known by any individual designated in § 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

6. ☐ This is a continuation/divisional/continuation-in-part application under 37 CFR § 1.53(b).

*(Check appropriate Items 6a and/or 6b)*

- 6a. ☐ Copies of the publications listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 which were previously cited in prior application Serial No. \_\_\_, filed on \_\_\_, and which is relied on for an earlier effective filing date for the subject application under 35 U.S.C. § 120, have been omitted pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.98(d).  
6b. ☐ Copies of the publications listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 which were not previously cited in prior application Serial No. \_\_\_, filed on \_\_\_, and which is relied on for an earlier effective filing date for the subject application under 35 U.S.C. § 120, are provided herewith.

7. ☐ This is a Request for Continued Examination under 37 CFR § 1.114.

*(Check either Item 7a or 7b)*

- 7a. ☐ The Issue Fee has not been paid.  
7b. ☐ A Petition to Withdraw from issue under 37 CFR § 1.313(c) is filed concurrently herewith or has been granted. A Request for Continued Examination under 37 CFR § 1.114, after payment of the Issue Fee, is proper in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.114(a), respectively.

8. ☐ This is a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement.

*(Check either Item 8a or 8b)*

- 8a. ☐ This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR § 1.97(f) supplements the Information Disclosure Statement filed on \_\_\_\_\_. A bona fide attempt was made to comply with 37 CFR § 1.98, but inadvertent omissions were made. These omissions have been corrected herein. Accordingly, additional time is requested so that this Supplemental IDS can be considered as if properly filed on \_\_\_\_\_.  
8b. ☐ This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is timely filed within one (1) month of the Notice under 37 CFR §§ 1.97 and 1.98, mailed \_\_\_\_\_.

9. ☒ In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.98, a concise explanation of what is presently understood to be the relevance of each non-English language publication is:

*(Check appropriate Items 9a, 9b, 9c and/or 9d)*

- 9a. ☐ satisfied for the non-English language publication(s) cited on the enclosed "English language version of the search report or action which indicates the degree of relevance found by the foreign office". (See MPEP § 609, Minimum Requirements for an Information Disclosure Statement, Part A(3): Concise Explanation of Relevance, 8th Ed., Rev. 2)  
9b. ☐ set forth in the application.  
9c. ☐ satisfied for the non-English language publication(s) indicated on the attached Form PTO-1449 as having an English language translation (complete or relevant portion(s)) attached thereto.  
9d. ☒ enclosed as Attachment 1(e), hereto.

10. No admission is made that the information cited in this Statement is, or is considered to be, material to patentability nor a representation that a search has been made (other than search report(s) from a counterpart foreign application or a PCT International Search Report, if submitted herewith). 37 CFR §§ 1.97(g) and (h).

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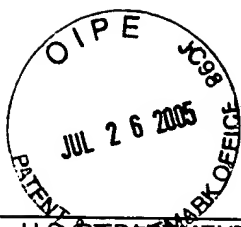
11. The Commissioner is authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any additional fee required under 37 CFR § 1.17 for this Information Disclosure Statement to Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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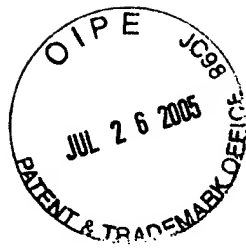
### FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

		DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	COUNTRY	TRANSLATION YES NO		ABSTRACT
	AE	11-175617	7/2/1999	Japan			X
	AF	11-250165	9/17/1999	Japan (with Abstract of corresponding document: EP0917119)			x
	AG	2001-26612	12/15/16	Japan		X	
	AH						
	AI						

### OTHER REFERENCES (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

				TRANSLATION YES NO	
	AJ	Toshiaki ATSUMOTO, "Home page", Nikkei Multimedia, Nikkei Business Publications Inc., No. 47, page 112-115.		X	

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**ATTACHMENT 1(e)**

**EXPLANATIONS OF RELEVANCY  
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JP11-175617	July 1999	A computer system in which information is acquired by using a user ID and a password.
JP11-250165	Sep. 1999	This document discloses a computer system or a network system.
Toshiaki ATSUMOTO "Home page"	May 1999	Introduces a summary of a skin diagnosis service provided by Kanebo Ltd.





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- 2a. ☐ satisfied because all non-English language publications were cited on the enclosed "English-language version of the search report or action which indicates the degree of relevance found by the foreign office". (See MPEP 609, Minimum Requirements for an Information Disclosure Statement, Part A(3): Concise Explanation of Relevance, pp. 600-100 to 600-101, Rev. 1, Feb. 2000.)
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